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ETHIOPIAN FORCE BUILDUP  
SHIRE MILITARY COMPLEX, ETHIOPIA

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: ACTIVITY PROBABLY RELATED TO THE DEFENSE OF ETHIOPIAN GARRISONS AND CONVOYS IN TIGRE PROVINCE AGAINST TIGREAN GUERRILLA ATTACKS IS OBSERVED.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: AN ETHIOPIAN MILITARY FORCE HAS DEPLOYED TO SHIRE MILITARY COMPLEX. ALTHOUGH THE FORCE APPEARS TO BE NEWLY DEPLOYED, LIMITS OF RECENT COVERAGE IN THE SHIRE AREA PRECLUDE AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF THE INITIAL DEPLOYMENT DATE. THE FORCE APPEARS TO BE IN A DEFENSIVE POSTURE AND CONSISTS OF ELEMENTS OF AN INFANTRY BATTALION SUPPORTED BY A PROBABLE MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER BATTERY. EQUIPMENT INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY 30 CARGO TRUCKS, FOUR PROBABLE BM-21 MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHERS, AND TWO PROBABLE BTR-60PB ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS. APPROXIMATELY 160 PERSONNEL ARE IN FORMATIONS (ALL NOT ON GRAPHIC) NEAR THE DEPLOYMENT AREA.

(SWN) SHIRE IS IN THE ETHIOPIAN NORTHERN COMMAND, 18 NM SOUTH OF ERITREA PROVINCE.

3.  COORDINATES 14-06-00N 038-17-00E

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